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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Tony Ko	Art Unit 2878

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 5-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 10/28/05.

Currently claims 1, 5-22 is pending. Claims 2-4 are withdrawn.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 14-22 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claims 14 and 15 adds "a digital camera" in the preamble of the claim, which fails to distinctly point out or further limit the novel part of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 16, 18 and 19 recites the limitation "said digital resizing". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 5-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cooper (U.S Patent 5,428,390).
3. Regarding claims 1, 12, 13 and 14, Cooper discloses a system for displaying an image captured by a sensor array, the system comprising: a buffer for storing an output from a first plurality of sensors (part of 76) of a sensor array (76); means for processing the stored output to create an image (20) corresponding to an output from a plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor (comprises M x N matrix) array are a subset of the first plurality of sensors (Fig. 3); means for displaying the image (22); and means for changing the image displayed by translating the first area (12, operator inputs). Since Cooper has the same structure as claimed, as understood, Cooper discloses digital camera.
4. Regarding claim 5, Cooper discloses a memory (the pixels in the monitor) for receiving and storing the image.
5. Regarding claim 6, Cooper discloses a display for displaying the image (22) corresponding to the output from the plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor array.
6. Regarding claim 7, Cooper discloses a user input device (12) for controlling the translation of the first area within the sensor array.
7. Regarding claim 8, Cooper discloses (Figs. 2 and 3) the user input device controls translation in a first direction and, independent translation in a second direction, substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

8. Regarding claim 9, Cooper discloses (Fig. 2) the first user input device is additionally arranged to resize the first area.
9. Regarding claims 10 and 15, Cooper discloses the input device (12) is arranged to simultaneously resize and translate the first area.
10. Regarding claim 11, Cooper discloses the means for displaying an image comprises a processor (20).
11. Regarding claim 17, the translating of said first area is accomplished by a command (operator input).
12. Regarding claims 20-22, Cooper discloses a memory for receiving and storing the image and such a memory is built in to the device. However, such a memory is removable upon the use of force.

Response to Arguments

13. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

14. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Ko whose telephone number is 571-272-1926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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